

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Toshio YOSHIDA et al.

Serial No. 09/873,361

Group Art Unit: 3691

Confirmation No. 5163

Filed: June 5, 2001

Examiner: Olabode, Akintola

For: ONLINE SETTLEMENT SYSTEM, METHOD THEREOF AND STORAGE MEDIUM

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on February 17, 2007. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to May 17, 2007.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.